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Jeffrey A. Colborn, et al.

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Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98
- ☒ Form PTO-1449 (5 pages) with 103 references
- ☒ Return postcard.

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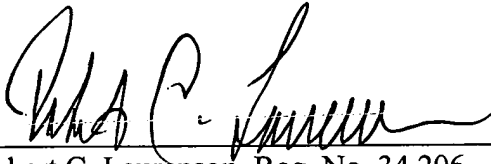
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Applicant believes no fees are due in connection with this Petition. However, if any fees are in fact due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. **08-3038** referencing Docket No. 04813.0026.NPUS01.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant hereby submits, without admission of prior art effect thereof, the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 pursuant to the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. **08-3038**, referencing Howrey Docket No. 04813.0026.NPUS00.

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	AE	3,663,298	05/16/72	McCoy et al.	136	31	03/03/70
	AF	3,716,413	02/13/73	Eisner	136	86	07/15/70
	AG	3,767,466	10/23/73	McCoy et al.	136	131	01/27/72
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	AJ	3,879,225	04/22/75	Backhurst et al.	136	86	05/02/73
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	AL	3,902,918	09/02/75	Pompon	136	86	12/11/74
	AM	3,930,882	01/06/76	Ohsawa et al.	136	30	01/25/74
	AN	3,944,430	03/16/76	Lee	136	30	09/18/70
	AO	3,970,472	07/20/76	Steffensen	136	3	07/08/75
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	AQ	3,985,581	10/12/76	Stachurski et al.	429	51	07/31/70
	AR	4,074,028	02/14/78	Will	429	105	05/09/77
	AS	4,105,829	08/08/78	Venero	429	15	04/07/76
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	BE	4,485,154	11/27/84	Remick et al.	429	14	09/08/81
	BF	4,563,403	01/07/86	Julian	429	198	02/23/84
	BG	4,730,153	03/08/88	Breting et al.	320	14	01/30/86
	BH	4,731,547	03/15/88	Alenduff et al.	307	85	12/12/86
	BI	4,802,100	01/31/89	Aasen et al.	364	494	08/18/86
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	BL	4,855,030	08/08/89	Miller, W.	204	212	06/07/88
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	BT	5,260,144	11/09/93	O'Callaghan	429	14	03/22/90
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	CF	5,411,815	05/02/95	Goldstein	429	50	09/15/93
	CG	5,427,872	06/27/95	Shen, et al.	429	142	11/17/93
	CH	5,432,710	07/11/95	Ishimaru et al.	364	493	03/29/93
	CI	5,434,020	07/18/95	Cooper	429	210	11/15/93
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	CK	5,441,820	08/15/95	Siu, et al.	429	17	10/26/93
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	DF	5,958,210	09/28/99	Siu, et al.	205	602	11/21/96
	DG	5,961,928	10/05/99	Maston, et al.	422	110	04/15/97
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	DL	6,051,192	04/18/00	Maston, et al.	422	110	04/15/97
	DM	6,067,482	05/23/00	Shapiro	700	286	01/08/99
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DX	Cooper, J., et al.; <i>Demonstration of a Zinc/Air Fuel Battery to Enhance the Range and Mission of Fleet Electric Vehicles: Preliminary Results in the Refueling of a Multicell Module</i> ; 29th Intersociety Energy Conversion Engineering Conference ; August 8, 1994; 8 pages.
DY	Cooper, J.; <i>How the Zinc/Air Battery is Refueling the Competitiveness of Electric Vehicles</i> ; Science & Technology Review ; October 1995; pages 7-13.

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